TOEIC LISTENING TEST REMINDER

Listening: 40-45 minutes

Part 1 – 10 pictures
Part 2 – 30 short dialogues
Part 3 – 10 conversations, 3 questions on each
Part 4 – 10 talks, 3 questions on each

Part 1

Typical places: office, factory, laboratory, warehouse, construction site, port, street, highway, bridge, airport, station, taxi, truck, store, mall, currency exchange bureau, bank, phone booth, ticket machine, concert hall, conference center, hotel reception or room, restaurant or café, tourist site, park, statue, museum, art gallery, sports venue ...

You will probably **not** see: families at home, people showing emotions, political or controversial events ...

Pictures will usually contain just one main detail to concentrate on. A wrong answer might be the opposite of what is really happening: empty or full of people, an object above or below something.

Wrong answers might be based on 'easy' similar sounds: bored/board, tape/type, point/paint ...

You will hear: present continuous, there is/are, prepositions

Part 2

Typical subjects: the time of an appointment, asking for/offering help with an office task, asking about a colleague's job, vacation or about a new colleague, giving opinions on a restaurant, movie, play or book, deciding how to get somewhere, which route or means of transport to take, talking about buying food, looking for a lost object, the number of people who attended an event ...

This is the only part with choices A, B, C (not D). The choices are person B's responses to what person A says. Only one response is correct. Person A often asks a question, but not always. It may just be a statement that person B responds to by agreeing or disagreeing.

You will hear: what time ...?, how much ...?, how many ...?, how long ...?, how long ago ...?, when will ...?, days of the week, parts of a day (this afternoon, tomorrow morning ...), precise times

Part 3

Typical situations: buying something in a store, airport or station customer service, asking for and giving directions, parking, transport schedules and ticket prices, discussing when or how long something is open, talking about moving home or office, preparing for a business meeting, discussing an order on the phone, ordering food in a restaurant ...

There are three multiple choice questions on each conversation. They are usually in order of the development of the conversation, but you may be able to answer the second or third question almost immediately. Try to filter out irrelevant information. The conversations frequently use times, prices, phone numbers etc. which are not required in answering the questions. There may be something proposed which is rejected, or someone can change his or her mind. Something could be arranged for Tuesday, but changed to Wednesday at the end of the conversation, for example.

Part 4

Typical situations: announcements about transport, recorded phone announcements, a customer or businessperson leaving a phone message, guided tour talks, weather forecasts and warnings, introducing a speaker who will give a presentation, a talk about a company's activities, radio publicity for a store, a magazine ...

As for part 3, there are three MCQs on each situation. In part 4, the focus is not so much on specific information as global comprehension, so in each set of questions, you will usually find one which tests whether you understand the purpose of the talk, or who the intended audience is. There will frequently be questions about *why* there is a certain detail in the talk rather than what the detail is.